മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—സ്റ്റാപ്പൻറെ നിയമത്തിയിരിയ്ക്കുന്നതായി ഗവൺമെൻറിൽനിന്നും അയാൾക്കു വല്ല ആഡ്രസും അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.—ഗവൺമെൻറിൽനിന്നും യാതൊരു ആഡ്രസും അയച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—പ്രൊട്ടക്ടരുടെ ആഫീസിൽനിന്നും ആഡ്രസയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.—അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടായിരിയ്ക്കാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—അങ്ങിനെ അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതു പ്രകാരം സർട്ടിഫിക്കേറ്റ ഹാജരാക്കിയതിനുശേഷം രണ്ടാമതും മെമ്മോ അയച്ചിട്ടാവശ്യമുണ്ടോ?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.—ഈ ആക്ഷേപം കിട്ടിയതിനുശേഷം സർട്ടിഫിക്കേറ്റ ഹാജരാക്കിയതായിട്ടു ഗവൺമെൻറിനറിവില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—ഹാജരായിട്ടുണ്ടോ ഇല്ലയോ എന്നു തീച്ചു പറയാമോ?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.—എനിയ്ക്കറിവില്ല. എങ്ങിനെയെല്ലാമാണെന്നുള്ളതു് അന്വേഷിയ്ക്കാതെ പറയാൻ തരമില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. എ ചാക്കോ.—അധികൃതപ്രതിനിധിയുടെ സർട്ടിഫിക്കേറ്റ് ആണെങ്കിൽ ഗവൺമെൻറ സ്വീകരിയ്ക്കുമോ?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.—രൂപംസിൽപെട്ടതാണെന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ തീച്ചയായും സ്വീകരിയ്ക്കും.

Remission of land tax—petition from the land-holders of Chittur.

250. Mr. A. Eachara Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. whether they are in receipt of a petition from the land-holders of Chittur praying for a remission of land tax;
2. what action have they taken in the matter;
3. will they be pleased to place a copy of the petition on the table ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— (1) Yes.

(2) The matter is being enquired into.

(3) A copy of the petition is placed on the table. *(Appendix V.)*

Memorial from the land-holders of Chittur.

251. Mr A. Sivarama Menon:— (a) Have the Government recently received a memorial from the land-holders of Chittur

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APPENDIX IV.

വിജയാംഖ്യവഹരം കോളനിയിലെ ഉത്സവം.

ആനക്കും പാപ്പാനുമാക്കം ചിലവു	൫	ൽ	൦
നാദസ്വരം	൩	൫	൦
ചെണ്ടക്കാക്ക്	൫	ൾ	൧
കാവടിക്കാക്ക്	൩	൫ ൫	൭
തലക്കെട്ട മുതലായതിനു	൭	ൽ	൦
പൂജസാമാനങ്ങൾ, വെളിച്ചെണ്ണ മുതലായതിനു	൩	൫ ൦	൦
ഉടുക്കുകാക്ക	൫	൭	൦
ഗാസ്"ലൈറ്റ" ചെ-ക്ക	൫	൭	൦
ആകെ	൭ ൦	൦	൦

APPENDIX V.

Copy of the petition from the Land-holders of Chittur.

We, the undersigned land-holders of Chittur beg leave to place before you the following grievance of ours for your information and redress at a very early date.

We are aware that the Government have realised the pitiable position of the ryots due to the phenominal fall in the price of agricultural produce and the financial crisis which the country is at present passing. In appreciation of the difficulties of the agriculturist, the Government were pleased to order a remission of 1 annas in the rupee in the land-tax for 1109. Though as a matter of fact the position of the agriculturist has not bettered this year, yet the Government thought it fit to reduce the remission and fixed it at 2 annas in the rupee for the current year. If there was no protest from the agriculturists against this reduction in remission, it was not due to our agreeing with the Government's view that our position has bettered but due to our appreciating the difficulties of the Government as well. If other conditions prevailed as in the previous year, we never wanted to embarass the Government with ourery for further remission this year as well.

Great changes in the fortunes of the agriculturist have taken place since the announcement of remission for this year by the Government in the land tax. The south west monsoon was an unusual and terrible failure. This failure told heavily on the income of the agriculturist, but we hoped for a better day when the north-east monsoon will set in. But as hard luck would have it, the north east monsoon has been a failure so far and even if it sets in hereafter there is no visible hope of salvation for the standing crops. The price of paddy and other produce has not appreciably increased and we are already continuing the groan under the crushing weight of the economic depression. Add to this, our Agricultural income has been very sorely affected by the failure of the usual monsoon. We lost heavily in the month of Kanni in our first crop and we are losing more heavily in the next month. We are afraid that even by sowing the last grain of the whole of this year's income from the land, we will not be able to meet the land revenue of lands. We have to seek other measures to pay the land revenue as loyal subjects of His Highness. Even under pressing circumstances, we from this place have been paying up our dues to the Government without a murmur. But the unusual and tragic failure of

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the monsoon and the consequent heavy fall in the agricultural income have almost driven us to this painful necessity of seeking help from your Government.

We spent our all to raise the crops in the fond hope that the north-east monsoon will come in time. But alas! that was not to be. The crops that we raised and now standing on the lands, are of stunted growth and even withering away for want of water. It will be no exaggeration when we submit that we could not get even a grain of paddy from some of the standing crops, and what we get from the low lying places, may not be enough to cover the cost of cultivation. Some of us who have leased out our lands have given ample remission in rent to our tenants in the first crop and will be again forced to give further and substantial remission next season as well. If you can find time and convenience, we humbly invite you to our place to have a personal knowledge of the real state of affairs by making a local inspection, so that you may know for yourself the bare truth of our grievance above detailed.

We do not want to catalogue our further grievance due to the economic depression and failure of monsoon as we feel satisfied that the above facts are sufficient to convince you of the inadequacy of the relief you have been pleased to grant us. Under the distressful and harassing circumstances, we most humbly request you, Sir, to grant us more substantial remission of at least 40 per cent of the land tax and thus help us to some extent at least to tide over the present difficulties. We are aware, Sir, that if only the Government really appreciate our difficulties it would not at all be difficult for the Government to find out ways and means to help us at least in the matter of further remission of the land tax for the current year. There has always been a feeling of mutual understanding between the Government and the subjects, of each others difficulties and we feel confident that now also the Government will understand our difficulties and translate that sympathy into action by granting more reduction in the current year's land tax. Any action, the Government intend taking on this humble petition of ours, we beg of you, Sir, to do, as early as possible. May we not hope that the Government will appreciate our difficulties and that it will, under your guidance, do the proper thing at this proper time by allowing more substantial remission amounting, at least to 40 per cent in the current year's land revenue.

For which act of mercy, generosity and sympathy we shall ever feel grateful,

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